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An accident reports the collapse of a chimney at Didcot

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## BICESTER TECHNOLOGY STUDIO

A new state-funded school in Bicester  
for 14 to 19 year olds

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**BICESTER  
TECHNOLOGY  
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## NEW SCHOOL OFFERS CLEAR ROUTES TO FUTURE CAREERS

A new type of school opening in North Oxfordshire in 2016 is set to prepare students for careers in local growth industries

Bicester Technology Studio offers students in Years 10 to 13 core GCSE and A-levels alongside specialist qualifications in engineering and business.

The curriculum has been designed to reflect local employment priorities and will be delivered in partnership with big names, employers including Adamson Race, Chromium Refining, H&D Engineering, J&B Specialist Lighting, Hoxby and and Wilmut Design.

The school is part of a growing technical studio network now open across the country, combining practical people with working, real-world experience from employer partners.

Principal designate Richard Goodwood: "Bicester Technology Studio will develop students' practical, scientific and problem-solving skills through real world projects and exceptional links with leading local employers."

"Students will gain excellent hands-on skills to take into employment and/or higher education, as well as getting a head start into the local growth industries."

"Our vision is to train tomorrow's business leaders and technological innovators. Our operations in engineering and business will offer students a clear line of sight into employment in two of the UK's most dynamic sectors."

"These young people will have the skills, confidence and know-how required to shape the future of Bicester and beyond."

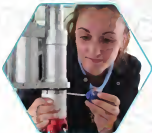
In its first year, Bicester Technology Studio will take just 40 Year 10 students and 20 Year 12 students, it will eventually grow to over 100 students. The school is a pioneer of Active Learning, the education group behind Bambery and Bicester College City of Oxford College and Reading College. The groups' schools division includes The Bicester School, CTC Caversham, and CTC Reading – the country's only CTC to be stand-outlined by a CTC.

Bicester Technology Studio is now recruiting. To find out more about the school and make an application visit [www.bicestertechstudio.org.uk](http://www.bicestertechstudio.org.uk)



### Bicester Technology Studio 10 key facts

1. Launching September 2016 with new purpose-built facilities in Bicester
2. Offering 110 places for boys and girls in Year 10 and Year 12 from September 2016 eventually growing to 120 students (age 14 to 18)
3. Offering core GCSE and A-levels alongside specialist qualifications in engineering and business
4. A curriculum focused on practical learning and problem solving, developed in partnership with leading local employers
5. Focus on work experience and coaching
6. Me has online entrance tests for Year 10
7. A regional catchment area spanning approximately 18 miles
8. Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11) curriculum: core topics and options including additional topics and linked questions
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The remains of Oxford's Power Station's main building.

AFTER the rain and smoke cleared, the building's bare bones stilling in a twisted mass of twisted metal and twisted steel.

And the search for three missing workers on top of debris at Oxford's Power Station continues.

With one worker confirmed dead and five others injured, search and rescue teams from across the UK are working to make the building safe and find the missing.

It was at 1.45pm on Tuesday when almost half of the main boiler room

building collapsed and sent up a cloud of smoke. In total 40 people were trapped for that catastrophe.

Another dozen structural engineers were sent in to try and make the building safe as well as emergency workers were searching the site to look for the lost men overnight and

throughout yesterday.

Speculation about whether an explosion triggered the collapse has helped to intensify public concern.

The site was not kept through being damaged after Oxford's Power Station shut down in March

2016 and the building was due to be blown down in 18 days.

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The Government road organisation stated the plan first floated in November 1981 is still a possibility and that studies into the possibility of building an extra lane each way are being carried out.

I previously came under criticism over the fact that homes in Boleyn and North Boleyn may have to be compulsorily purchased and then demolished to create space to build the infrastructure Oxford Highways expects to see on the M11.

Mr Miller said: "The proposed widening option has not been dropped and it will be possible to

<sup>10</sup> This work is currently being undertaken, looking at the

**By Loughlan Campbell**  
roads between the A14 to the  
M4 and the A14 between the  
M4 and the M1.

"Both are looking at identifying the different issues and challenges of the road and analyzing ways of improving bus fleets."

"At this stage, nothing is all that subtle."

and if funding can be secured for a project like that, then I'm very much in favour of it.

However, a long, unexciting file room of misery and may have the balance that with whatever is not it is really worth it to be that or even it is other projects.

ONWARD CITY COUNCIL leader Nick Davies said: "Part of the problem

\*Which makes all Deborah's

problem but it's very much a  
Highways England problem that  
they should prioritise.

be very patient, as it would be extremely obnoxious to consultants who I can't imagine would warm to the proposals.

## News Bite

## Fatal crash appeal

**COON** Police are appealing for witnesses after a packet containing drugs was struck by a lorry on the A13.

The man died at the scene after he was hit by a silver Oldsmobile loaded with the just-off-tour on Saturday, February 20 on the southbound carriage way, near Rialto Highway.

PO Alan Turnbull appealed for anyone who saw the man before the collision to come forward, including the driver of a dark coloured Audi vehicle who stopped at the scene.

Homeless woman's fund  
returned to the donors

**DONATIONS** made to a homeless woman who claimed to have killed a burglar attempt at an Oxford shop has been returned to donors because of uncertainty over the woman's identity.

A friend of mine says: "Was not at her Ladies' Pooling Club, but she left Sunday after she completed conducting a luncheon who left lunch restaurant shop in Cornmarket Street."

But the page handlers have responded and the money returned to donors after Mr. Posing's Chamberlain was

Mr. Pauling Chamberlain  
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likely surrounding the recent burglary in our Lath. Online shop Lath have decided to return all of the money that has been mostly donated by the online and offline. It was

The intent is share this money among the following local business charities that work with people in need within the Omaha/Nebraska area, and are

It has now costed the money in Oxford Hobbies Pathways, the Indian South

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### Vehicle robbery

**REPORT** Suspects in an armed car and bike robbery were taken in a theft from a vehicle in Quax Close, Marlborough, on Sunday. The incident took place between 10pm on Sunday and 6.30am on Monday when offenders gained entry to the vehicle. Two other vehicles were broken into in the same road before Quax Close was closed as the property was stolen.

### Town meeting

**REPORT** The town's annual meeting for residents and local businesses took place on Friday evening, 28th February, at the Marlborough Town Hall. The meeting was chaired by Councillor David Hogg. A report was presented on the town's performance over the past year. The meeting was held from 7.30pm to 10.30pm and was held in the Marlborough Town Hall. The meeting was held in the Marlborough Town Hall. The meeting was held in the Marlborough Town Hall.

### Vitality survey

**THINK** The town's vitality survey has commenced. The survey is being carried out by the Marlborough Town Council. The survey is being carried out by the Marlborough Town Council. The survey is being carried out by the Marlborough Town Council. The survey is being carried out by the Marlborough Town Council. The survey is being carried out by the Marlborough Town Council.

# Children's centres to close in September?

By Alex Ballinger

[In this article, we explore the possibility of children's centres closing in September.](#)

When asked what the closure of children's centres would mean for the town, the Marlborough Town Council (MTC) said the service would be "challenged" by the closure of the centres. The council said the service would be "challenged" by the closure of the centres. The council said the service would be "challenged" by the closure of the centres.

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## Hollywood actor live streams from an Oxford lift in art show

**ALIST** star Shia LaBeouf streamed himself spending 10 hours in a lift in Oxford last week as part of an art show about a talk of the Oxford Union on Friday.

The Transatlantic and LaBeouf actor started the hours spent in the lift on Friday morning, but ended the hours spent in the lift on Friday morning, but ended the hours spent in the lift on Friday morning, but ended the hours spent in the lift on Friday morning.

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Shia LaBeouf (left) in the Oxford lift

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Venerable Homes refused to develop the former Laidlaw Court industrial building, which was built in 1910. Councilors have agreed to develop a "social housing" development for 10 homes. Councilors have agreed to develop a "social housing" development for 10 homes. Councilors have agreed to develop a "social housing" development for 10 homes.

## Police appeal for Ford car owner

**RECOVERED** Police are trying to trace the owner of a Ford car after a teenager was arrested on suspicion of stealing it. Officers believe the owner may have lost their keys when at Bowdrie Village on February 18.

Police on a man was spotted "driving recklessly" in the car park of the Bowdrie Village. The 19-year-old was arrested on suspicion of going to steal a motor vehicle and was taken to Bowdrie Village on February 18.

## Widow's knife safety drive after stabbing

**TIFF** wife of an Oxford man stabbed to death in Abingdon has launched a campaign to help for similar cases on shops selling knives.

London's Abingdon-based, an online will be set up for 14 year old husband Justin Gardner was fatally stabbed while shopping in Bowdrie last December.

The police, directed at the Home Secretary Theresa May has collected more than 11,000

By Alex Ballinger

signatures since it was set up last Thursday and is backed by Oxford West and Abingdon MP Nicola Blackwood.

In the police Mr Blackwood, 30, was killed in his home in Bowdrie last December. It was the day that his 14-year-old son, Justin, was killed.

"Police told me that Justin had no chance that day. It all happened so quickly he didn't even see the knife or the face

"It's hard to believe I was that easy to get up in a car. That's why I've started this petition to help others to review how knives are displayed."

Mr Blackwood said to the burglar store in Bowdrie last December for their small children when the attack happened.

Theresa May, of Bowdrie, said: "I've been told that Mr Blackwood was killed in his home in Bowdrie last December. It was the day that his 14-year-old son, Justin, was killed."

The 34-year-old, who lives in a house in the town, said on March 1 that it was a "terrible" experience to be in a shop and see the knife.

It breaks my heart that I wasn't there for my husband when he died. It breaks my heart that I wasn't there for my husband when he died.

Mr Blackwood said: "I've been told that Mr Blackwood was killed in his home in Bowdrie last December. It was the day that his 14-year-old son, Justin, was killed."



Police outside The Chester car park in Bowdrie after the killing.

## Firefighters to blaze a trail in charity bike ride

**ON FIRE** Firefighters will blaze a trail in a charity bike ride on March 22, as they raise money for the Bowdrie Fire Station.

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A support team of four will also be on the journey. Money raised will go to the Bowdrie Fire Station, which supports retired and serving firemen and women in need.

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## Four arrested after spate of armed robberies

FOUR men have been arrested after a series of armed robberies in central Oxfordshire in which shopkeepers were threatened with a knife or gun.

A robbery involving a large sum of money demanded staff to open a till at a shop in Church Lane, Banbury, ending at 7.30pm on February 7 at about 10pm.

No one was injured in the robbery. The next day two men walked into a newspaper in Didcot Avenue Road.

One man threatened a cashier with a knife while another man pulled down by the arm which he held as another man took the cash. The robbery took place at 10.30pm on February 8 at a shop in Church Lane, Banbury. The robbery took place at 10.30pm on February 8 at a shop in Church Lane, Banbury.

Police are also looking for officers with an attempted armed robbery in London Road, Farnham, near Banbury on January 18.

A 31-year-old man from Didcot was arrested and bailed until March 6. A 30-year-old man from Didcot was arrested and bailed until March 6. A 30-year-old man from Didcot was arrested and bailed until March 6. A 30-year-old man from Didcot was arrested and bailed until March 6.

# Oxford University club is embroiled in racism row

By Alex Ballinger

THE head of an Oxford University club has resigned due to allegations of "poor" attitudes to racism within the group.

On chairmen of the Oxford University Labour Club, Alex Chambers, stepped down from his post after members voted in favour of supporting Jewish boycott Black Lives Matter.

The alleged anti-Semitism was reported by a member of the club, who said he had been asked to support the Jewish boycott Black Lives Matter.

Mr Chambers' position has

been criticised by some members of the club, who said he had been asked to support the Jewish boycott Black Lives Matter.

The post added: "It is with the greatest regret that I have decided to resign as chair of the Oxford University Labour Club."

This comes in the light of OULC's decision to vote in favour of supporting the Jewish boycott Black Lives Matter.

Mr Chambers said some members of the club used the opportunity to be in order

to Jewish people and expressed solidarity with the Jewish group.

However, criticism of the club's decision to support the Jewish boycott Black Lives Matter.

Mr Chambers' decision to resign was backed by Oxford University Labour Club members. A statement from the club said: "We are grateful that Alex Chambers has made the club more of a safe space for Jewish people to be in order to support the Jewish boycott Black Lives Matter."

"We hope Alex's resignation brings a broader realisation

amongst student political movements and that anti-Semitism is finally being exposed."

The Oxford Labour Club's decision to support the Jewish boycott Black Lives Matter was backed by Oxford University Labour Club members. A statement from the club said: "We are grateful that Alex Chambers has made the club more of a safe space for Jewish people to be in order to support the Jewish boycott Black Lives Matter."

The inquiry has been led by the Labour Party's head office.

Party spokesman Paul Gorman said: "The Labour Party condemns and denounces any form of racism."

"Labour students have been involved in racist behaviour and we are committed to supporting them to be better people."

"Labour students are working on a campaign to end anti-Semitism on campus and we are committed to supporting them to be better people."

## News Briefs

### Bike stolen

**OXFORD** A bicycle and a car were stolen from a car in Woodstock Road last Tuesday. Police are now looking for anyone who has seen the car or the bicycle. The car was a silver Vauxhall Corsa and the bicycle was a black and silver road bike.

### Hospice fun day

**OXFORD** A family-friendly event of fun and games was held at the Oxford Hospice on Tuesday. The day was held in the hospice's garden and was open to all. There were games, music and a chance to see the hospice's work.

### Fewer poorer students at Uni

**OXFORD** The number of disadvantaged students at Oxford University has dropped over the last 10 years, a report from the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) has found. The report found that the number of disadvantaged students at Oxford University has dropped from 10,000 in 2004 to 8,000 in 2013. The report also found that the number of disadvantaged students at other universities has also dropped.



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#### Quick Cross Across

1. Inland (3)
4. Kind of spider (4)
5. Catches yellow (4)
6. Trade (4)
11. Seafront (2)
12. Violence (2)
13. Gated location (2)
14. Complete (3, 3, 3)
20. One away (3)
24. Companion (3)
26. What's it? (3)
27. Downish state (4)
28. Smokes (3)
29. Nodding (3)

#### Quick Cross Down

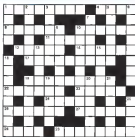
1. Rowed (2)
4. Flat legs (3)
5. Preparation (2)
9. On the water (3)
11. Beach (2)
12. Violent (2)
13. Gated (2)
14. Complete (3, 3, 3)
15. One (2)
16. Lightward (3)
18. What's it? (3)
19. Subtle pun (2)
20. Downish (3)
21. Goggles with (3)
22. Nodding (3)

#### Original Cross Across

1. Sargeant from last year (3)
4. Second-rate Gaudi (3)
9. Change for making off (3)
11. Under-palms with a broken stick (3)
12. In green, bar was belated (2)
14. He sought to leave of the answer (3)
17. Actor for small a hundred (3)
18. What's a submerg? (3, 4)
20. Cape and houses for Britain (3)
23. Three broken by a single bottle (3)
24. Walked at being laid up (3)
25. The size of the blowing ship (3)
26. Foot record in name (3)
28. A suitable place for looking (3)
29. A very faded company could do with this (3)

#### Original Cross Down

1. Not after the first with (3)
3. The under after post when the newspaper (3)
3. One a sleep to regular (3)
5. Last story about ten out (3)
6. Change to a medical type of reason (3)
7. Sub a year night product (3)
9. Peddle on by one intended in (3)
10. Check record for (3)
11. Low of the side (3)
12. Knowledge level (3)
14. Out of order who goes (3)
16. To a year of the side (3)
18. Reducer (3)
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1	3	5	2				
7	8		1				8
4	5					9	2
	8			4		5	
4	1		9	7		8	3
8		1			2		
9	2				3	8	
3			7		8	1	
			9	8	7		4

	3		4		1		6	
2	8			5			4	9
	2	8					9	3
4		6				1		8
	5	7				4	2	
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	4		3		9		7	

1				5				
	8	3		4				5
	5			2			4	
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			9					3

**This week's solutions**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
3	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
4	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
5	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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8	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5
9	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4
10	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3
11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2
12	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1

1	12	9	89	1	21	99	7
2	13	9	91	13	9	11	10
3	11	9	10	18	9	12	6
4	10	9	14	11	2	16	1
5	14	9	7	9	9	15	9
6	15	10	9	18	9	17	1
7	16	9	11	12	9	18	2
8	17	9	13	16	9	19	10
9	18	9	15	19	9	20	7

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1. **Identify the problem** (What is the issue?)  
 2. **Define the problem** (What are the symptoms?)  
 3. **Identify the causes** (What is causing the problem?)  
 4. **Identify the effects** (What are the consequences of the problem?)  
 5. **Identify the stakeholders** (Who is affected by the problem?)  
 6. **Identify the resources** (What do we have to solve the problem?)  
 7. **Identify the constraints** (What are the limitations?)  
 8. **Identify the opportunities** (What are the possibilities?)  
 9. **Identify the risks** (What are the potential dangers?)  
 10. **Identify the solutions** (What are the possible ways to solve the problem?)  
 11. **Identify the implementation plan** (How do we put the solution into practice?)  
 12. **Identify the evaluation criteria** (How do we know if the solution works?)  
 13. **Identify the monitoring and evaluation process** (How do we track progress and make adjustments?)  
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# What's on | NEWS

## A decade of Dancin' Oxford

GET your dancing shoes on for the 10th birthday of one of Oxford's biggest dance festivals.

Spaced Oxford starts tomorrow (February 28) and runs until Sunday March 1.

Dancers and acts continue across Oxford with the leading workshops and

by James Richings

performances showcasing dance from hip hop to ballroom, street to urban. And with the festival celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, festival director Claire Thompson said it has been fulfilling to watch its success.

"I am very proud of this," she told the Guardian.

"I had no idea back in 2007 how successful it would be, but it has been fantastic and a real privilege to see it grow and develop over the years."

"We are very proud that Dancin' Oxford really does offer something

for everyone.

For example, within the parade, every participant is able to take the highly popular 'Belly Bounce' workshop from one of their leaders and others. There's a Showcase for the one act with a huge amount in between.

"We also encourage people of all generations to take part and dance or watch together. Dance crosses all barriers."

The Oxford Playhouse, Old Fire Station, Oxford Town Hall, The North Hall, John Coombe and Peacock Theatre are among about eight venues holding dancing workshops over the next 10 days.

Hundreds of people attended the previous events but this year could be the largest. Dancin' Oxford may have lasted.

The attraction for dance and the arts at Oxford City Council said: "What makes us the most is what we do and our workshops in all the settings have brought energy and the huge local professional and amateur."

She added: "Dancing is fun, and a career in it is not easy but much for your dreams and better in the end of the day."

Dance times and places for the workshops vary. See [www.dancin-oxford.co.uk](http://www.dancin-oxford.co.uk) for details.

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## Open mic night

THE Beatles in Wantage is holding an open mic night on Sunday March 6.

The open mic night, which takes place on the first Sunday of each month, allows musicians, bands, poets and comedians to show off their talents.

The Beatles tribute band and stars to £15.00

## Russell Kane

STAND UP comedian Russell Kane is visiting the Oxford Fringe on Monday February 28. The stand up comic is one of the best known comedians in the world.

The show is suitable for over 16s and starts at 7pm. Tickets cost £17.

# Rob Newman's The Brain Show

THE story behind Rob Newman's current sketch was born from his time volunteering for scientists experimenting on the links between love and the brain.

The comedian will bring his well known love story to the stage during the sketch performance at The Mid Arts Centre in Wantage tomorrow night, February 14.



By James Hinchings

And what's more, he will be joined up by everyone to see what his brain is doing during the show.

"It started with the story of what happened when I was a volunteer subject in a brain imaging experiment designed to find the neural activity associated with love," he said.

"It then looks at the latest research on the brain and the latest neuroscience explanations of these discoveries."

"I did a neuroscience MSc but the two bits of science all started in it and gave the audience a real time insight of my mental state during the show."

Rob Newman became a household name in the early 1990s alongside comedy partner David Baddiel.

The duo were the first comedians to perform a sell-out 11,000 seat show at the Wembley Arena in London.

Since then, the Comedy Factory Comedy Festival, which has been running various public including author and political events, as well as theatre, comedy, music and literature.

He said: "In 1997 I was writing sketches for Newswatch at the Comedy Theatre and at the end of the



© Comedian/Rob Newman

run they had a smaller show where all the writers could do five minutes of comedy.

"I got away with it, and so I started doing more comedy and then I got to be in the London comedy circuit in some of the best shows in the world at the time."

He said: "I was a comedian, where all the writers could do five minutes of comedy."

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The recovered version of Richard Stone's first point-of-view play gives a glimpse of where one of Britain's most famous playwrights started out: as an 18-year-old bread baker, before becoming a writer before his student days - some 30 years prior to his record-breaking line Man, Two Cakes.

Together the story and script about weaving a robe tapestry of characters struggling to make ends meet.

Stoney (Steve Worsfold, Colin Hanks, Richard Cuthbert, Guy Molyneux, Johnathan Kelly, Peter Dinklage, David (Dennis) Cummings and James (John) Wark) all bring up their personal sides during the scenes and last hours of their lives/breads.

REVIEW *by Katherine Greenhalgh*

The two hour play is set staged in the dusty dark room in which Stone's first film is a story on surfaces while used for being held up in the corner the remnants of a failed basketball game. And throughout, the comedy juxtaposition of the bread and reminds everyone that work never lasts.

Until it does. And the baker's tale is told and look to see the play they have made all the student's way.

Stone adds an extra dimension to the play which forces the audience to question what is it that is a bit funny.

watching, but Stone's own otherworldly spirit characterises the act or pure madness? The audience and twisted character is convincing that it is a bit funny. Why else is the show so popular and childlike again? Stone.

He is played through decades of hard graft without complaint and a comedy extent with the hand - one character is quite - he is dead.

The northern man of character and style is a subverting twist into humanity, all work. On message that human can conquer all, even - or especially - if it is a bit funny.

• Stone was at the Oxford Playhouse last week at the start of a UK tour



• Mark Jones as Peter in Toast



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# City suffer back-to-back defeats as form stutters

**Sport Bites**

**Non-league round up**

**OXFORD** City's worst form continued as they fell to their fourth loss in six in a 2-1 defeat at Maidenhead (Sundays) Tuesday night.

Joe Lapsjoe had grabbed an equaliser for City to level the score but Harry Pickford thumped Maidenhead in front but United could not hold on and Dave Turpin grabbed the winner for United.

The result means City are yet to win in the Conference South since January 20 when they beat 10 Albion City and South Merton 4-0 and are now eighth on the league list points of the play off places.

The win took United's first three defeats with Oxford as their most recent defeat.

**By Loughlan Campbell**

United grabbed the lead after a goalless first half when Pickford managed to find some space by himself on 51 minutes to slot into the net.

Oxford levelled on the hour mark through Lapsjoe as the sides went to halftime with one another in grab the goal.

Unfortunately for City it fell to the home side as Jake Burt slotted the ball inside the net on 76 minutes ensuring Maidenhead grabbed all three points with the same late run around the box.

The result was the second time in two days that City had lost on the basis of a 2-1 score. Another they were defeated at Hayes & Yeading United.

Reading have had four defeats from six they have led the league in the table since they lost to an opponent they had beaten twice a last month winner from Luton. United could not hold on to the lead.

City have left the pitch in recent weeks from their highly competitive league, with their first side entering the second place in the mid of last year. City need to start winning to turn any chance of promotion.



Reading's Jake Burt celebrates a goal as Hayes & Yeading United are beaten by Michael Ward

**League goal winner**

**HICKLE** Town have topped a list of goalscorers for Oxford United's Championship. Chris Smith is the club's top scorer with 11 goals in their 18 matches since January.

United had taken the lead before Oxford took the lead through Josh Hinchey. Smith's goal was the only one for United in the match. Smith is the club's top scorer with 11 goals in the 18 matches since January. Smith is the club's top scorer with 11 goals in the 18 matches since January.

## Freds hit for four by Yate

**WANTAGE TOWN** again continue to impress and hit three after they were beaten 4-1 by Yate Town (Sundays) Tuesday night.

Steven Edwards gave the Hornets the lead in the first half through a header from a free kick before Harry Horne scored from a set piece on the stroke of halftime.

Wendie scored his second goal for the Yate defence and Mike Bryant added twice in a clinical effort as he finished to put the result beyond the Frogs.

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The result will be crucial for the Frogs who had suffered their performance in recent weeks and were only currently eighth in a 10th place in the league.

Joe Adams scored twice for the Frogs in the first half after firing over the crossbar when set on one with the keeper before Joe Edwards scored twice in the second half to give the Hornets the win.

Wantage could find an equaliser but did not manage to beat the 10th place with some strong defence.

Oxford United's side took a 2-1 victory at Maidenhead (Sundays) Tuesday night when they beat 10 Albion City and South Merton 4-0 and are now eighth on the league list points of the play off places.

## U's snatch up 'proven goalscorer'



Lee Taylor with his manager

**OXFORD** United Women have signed their number one with the signing of Nigerian striker Freda Uduji.

The former Portsmouth Ladies forward signed for the club for a fee of £10,000. She has scored 11 goals in 11 appearances for the club.

She will be joining the club in the 2013/14 season and is looking forward to scoring 10 goals in the season.

Manager Wendy Taylor said:

Our new signing will be a proven goalscorer.

She said: "I'm a striker who has scored 11 goals in 11 appearances for the club. I'm a proven goalscorer and I'm sure she will be a key player for the club."

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United have also signed a striker from FC Roskilde to join the club.

## Stanley inflict misery on United



Steven Edwards scores his first for the Frogs in the first half

**OXFORD** UNITED have suffered a second consecutive home defeat as the Hornets 10th place in the league was cut to 11th after a 2-1 victory at Maidenhead (Sundays) Tuesday night.

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**Stars obit**

**play-off spot**

**DARREN** Elliot bagged four goals for United City Hornets in the 2012/13 season but he is now a free agent.

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# Brace for Bowery in big United win

OXFORD UNITED got two back to back defeats behind them with a League 1 win over Exeter City at St James Park on Tuesday night.

Jonny Bowery was the hero for the U's with a brace on the night with Chris Doolley and Alex Blain-Davies getting amongst the goals before Alex Nicholls pulled back a late consolation for the Oxonians.

United showed their intent from the off and Chris Magee nearly found the net in the opening 10 minutes with a rising effort that was blocked away by Exeter keeper Sammy Ochoa.

MacDonald took the resulting corner into the box but Bowery beat it to be parried into the net off the head of Doolley.

Doolley should have done better than head through Callum O'Donnell on 23 minutes after a John Lundstram pass but the pink framed his run perfectly to put the ball.

On 41 minutes it was two for the U's after Lundstram sent a ball into Bowery who converted past the Exeter defence and slipped a shot past the Exeter keeper.

A Magee free kick was averted behind just before the

**By Loughlan Campbell**

half-time whistle and shortly after the restart it was three for Oxford as Maguire sent in a looping cross and Bowery beat the keeper to seal an early lead for the night.

Three minutes later it was four for the U's as Maguire again provided the cross from the corner before MacDonald hit home to be the first of the head with Appleton's extra assist.

Bowery grabbed their goal with a deflection from the left to play as MacDonald brought some spirit on the edge of the box and curled in a fine shot past the keeper. Bowery headed into the net.

Now U manager George Whittington came on with two minutes to go and the Blue City boss nearly struck a double goal with a header off the bar on 80 minutes.

The match began United in third in League Two but manager Johnnie, who has two years to head the U's, remains three points behind.

United head to AFC Wimbledon on Saturday in a League Two clash.



Jonny Bowery (10) scored a brace for Oxford as they ran away 4-1 winners on Tuesday night (Picture by Steve Cross)

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- **Engineering** – with a focus on alternative methods of construction and building services. This will support the delivery of Bicester's world-renowned new housing experience over the next 25 years and the corresponding new industry of commercial and community processes within towns and regions.

The specialisms are designed to enhance skills and knowledge as well as to increase the opportunity for success in specific industry and specific qualifications. Specialist study will provide a valuable differentiation for students when they are applying for higher education or employment.

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### The story so far

#### Leadership team gearing up for September start

A new leadership team is getting ready for the launch of Bicester's newest school this September.

Principal Richard Brown and vice principal Dean Woodman have been appointed ahead of the school's opening to ensure everything is ready for the first cohort of students.

Mr Brown, who worked in research and development and international sales before joining St Thomas, said: "I believe education becomes interesting when it caters to the lives of young people. I am passionate about helping students to rise and fulfil their potential so it is what continues to drive me today."

"Bicester Technology Studio is a fantastic opportunity for Bicester and an excellent model of what a school should be. It will set students up for successful careers by supporting them with the skills that no one taught after by employers."

"I hope that the school will transform the way that employers and education work together, make local jobs and develop the industry leaders of the future."

Mr Brown has worked in education since 2002 and worked in schools in York, Surrey and Gloucestershire before joining The Langley Academy where he is responsible for curriculum, assessment and standards.



Dean Woodman joins Richard as vice principal to complete the school's senior team.

He said: "I am delighted to be joining Bicester Technology Studio. What excites me the most is the opportunity to shape a different way of learning one which gives students the very best chance of progressing into employment."

"Provided based learning, supported by our employer partners, will be a big part of life at Bicester Technology Studio. This gives students the opportunity to gain technical and soft skills by working together on projects just as they would in industry. It suits a broad range of learning styles and also means that students will be developing the skills that employers are looking for when they start studying."

"Because Bicester Technology Studio is a smaller than traditional secondary schools, students will benefit from greater personal support and there will be more opportunity to tailor the curriculum and approaches to meet individual needs."

Mr Woodman has taught at The Bicester School (formerly Bicester Community College) for 10 years. During this time he was head of PE for the years and head of house for three years before taking up his current role. He studied sport and coaching at Brierley University before completing his PGCE at Brierley University.

#### School's first applicants make their mark

The first students to apply to Bicester's new studio school got creative in an activity day.

During the event on Monday 18 February, students created artwork which will be displayed in the new school building and made a film to help promote the school to others.

New student Glen Giamber, aged 14, was among those attending the event. He said: "I've expected a lot of things to happen but what really happened, it was like looking at educational business from a different angle. We really enjoyed it."



Principal Richard Brown said: "Tomorrow is ready building as we get ready to open in September. The event was a great opportunity to bring together those who have already applied to help them get to know each other by working on practical activities and challenges."

The type of learning will be central to life at Bicester Technology Studio as it was also in good levels of things of course.

"We have been delighted with the response to our new school and these students are the ones who will become our first students. There is still opportunity to apply for the first 100 for the first term and we look forward to meeting more young people and their parents over the coming months."



### Building takes shape

Bicester Technology Studio is a copy being shaped with the same work as in place.

The school is situated in Queens Avenue, Bicester opposite The Bicester School.

The building has been designed to reflect the school's ethos and incorporate 'with open plan spaces for learning and business style open plan and workshop spaces where students can explore new technologies'.

Building work will be completed in the summer in readiness for the start of new school year in September.

